Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Safe Routes to School
The Borough is completing our **Safe Routes to School** grant application that will focus on improving pedestrian infrastructure along Hardenburgh Avenue, Knickerbocker Road, Piermont Road, and County Road, benefiting students attending Luther Lee Emerson School, County Road School, Demarest Middle School, and Northern Valley Regional High School at Demarest***. (Scroll down for more detailed information on the scope of the project.)*** Our grant consultant has advised that our application will be much stronger and more likely to be funded with letters of support. So, if you are supportive of the project, and **live along Hardenburgh Ave., please click here** or are a **parent of a child that attends school in Demarest please click here** because we need your help! Sample letters are available at those links that can be used as a template or give you a start if you'd like to write your own letter***. Letters need to be emailed to Julie at boroadmin@demarestnj.gov by 11/5/26 to be included in our application packet. We appreciate the support!***

Scope:
The proposed improvements will address existing gaps in the pedestrian network, enhance accessibility, and provide safer connections between residential neighborhoods and school facilities. The project proposes the construction of five-foot-wide concrete sidewalks, installation of concrete curbing, and construction of ADA-compliant curb ramps with detectable warning surfaces. Additionally, the project will provide thermoplastic crosswalk markings to improve pedestrian visibility at designated crossing locations.

The proposed work will be concentrated along the following corridors:
Hardenburgh Avenue: Pedestrian sidewalk improvements along the north and south sides between Knickerbocker Road Avenue and Park Street.
· Knickerbocker Road: Sidewalk improvements along the east side between Hardenburgh Avenue and Grove Street.
· Piermont Road: Sidewalk and Curbing Improvements along the west side between Northwood Avenue and Orchard Road, and along the east side between Demarest Middle School and Pine Terrace.
· County Road: Sidewalk Improvements along the corridor serving County Road *School,* along the north and south side between Piermont Road and Anderson Ave.

Associated improvements will include driveway apron replacements, localized roadway restoration, limited retaining wall construction, site clearing, and final surface restoration. These activities will ensure that newly constructed pedestrian facilities integrate safely and effectively with existing roadway conditions.

I have also engaged the County regarding reducing speed limits on county roads, adding crosswalks and signage to improve pedestrian safety. Since last week, our Police Department has provided the County with requested information to support our requests. I will keep you advised.

Reminder from the DPW

When you are placing leaves at the curb for pickup, please do not put twigs and/or branches in the leaf piles. Brush pick up is suspended until leaf season is over in mid-December, weather permitting.

Halloween
Demarest Recreation's **Annual Halloween Parade will take place this year at a new time as it will be celebrated on Halloween! It will be on Saturday, 10/31 from 10:30am to 11:30am at the Gazebo.** The parade, with prizes, will begin at 11:00am! **Click here for all the spooky details!**

The Art School at Old Church
Registration for Winter Session (January 3–March 15) **opens November 10 at 8:45 a.m.** Explore more than eighty fine art and craft courses and workshops for adults, teens, and children at **www.tasoc.org/courses**. **Register online or in person** at 561 Piermont Road, Demarest. For more information, call **(201) 767-7160**.
Demarest will once again welcome ceramicists, collectors, and art lovers to our annual **Old Church Pottery Show and Sale, December 4–6.** This celebrated tradition, now in its 52nd year, will feature 27 established and emerging potters from across the United States, showcasing an extraordinary range of contemporary ceramic artistry. Preview the participating artists' work at **www.oldchurchpotteryshow.com** and discover why Demarest has been a favorite destination for ceramic art and artists for more than five decades!

NVD School Play
Anything that ***can*** **go wrong** ***will*** **go wrong**! **The Play That Goes Wrong** is a hilarious, non-stop comedy disaster, unstoppable laugh-out-loud chaos for the whole family! You don't want to miss it, so grab your tickets before the set completely falls apart!

Friday Nov. 13 @ 7:00 PM
Saturday Nov. 14 @ 2:00 PM AND 7:00 PM
Sunday, Nov. 15 at 2:00 PM
Tickets are available at nvd.booktix.com

Information from the Borough Clerk
Election Day is next Tuesday, November 3.

If you are registered to receive a mail in ballot, you should have already received your ballot and it can be returned by mail, postmarked on or before November 3, in person at the County Clerk's office in Hackensack by 8 pm on Election Day or **dropped off in any ballot collection box in Bergen County before 8:00 pm on Election Day, November 3. There is one located in the Demarest Borough Hall Parking Lot or click here for other locations throughout the County.**

In person early voting is available through this Sunday, November 1. You can vote at any early voting location in Bergen County until 8 pm this evening, from 10 am – 8 pm tomorrow, Saturday 10/31 or from 10 am-6pm on Sunday 11/1. Click here for those locations.

Finally, if you are registered to vote and haven't voted early, you can vote on **Election Day from 6:00 am- 8:00 pm at the County Road School, 130 County Rd. If you requested a mail-in ballot but did not return it to the County, you can vote on Election Day at County Road School but will need to fill out a provisional ballot.**

If you have any questions related to your voter registration or the election, please feel free to call the Borough Clerk's office at 201-768-0167 x147.

Demarest Library
Presented by The Demarest and Cresskill Public Libraries, Vibraphonist **Ted Piltzecker** and pianist **Allen Farnham** share an engaging set of jazz at the Demarest Public Library on **Thursday, November 5th from 6:15 - 7:15 PM**. This concert will focus on the interplay and communication between the two master improvisors. They will perform works of jazz greats from Bergen County (Dizzy Gillespie, Milt Jackson, Thad Jones, Bill Evans, and more) as well as their own original compositions. **Register as space is limited!** Register **here!**

Join us on **November 14th from 11: 00 AM - 12:30 PM** or **November 19th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM** for a light-hearted and beginner-friendly **American Mahjong** playshop where confusion is expected, laughter is guaranteed, and counting to 14 is the only prerequisite. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. You'll

leave knowing how to set up the game, decode the combinations card, declare a winning hand, and make new friends! ***Registration will open on November 2nd at 7:00 PM on The Demarest Library calendar. Register here! THESE ARE SEPARATE EVENTS, ONLY SIGN UP FOR ONE CLASS.***
Join Miss Sarah at the Demarest Public Library on **Friday, November 6th from 10:00 - 10:45 AM** for some singing, dancing, and movement! This program is for children ages 0 - 4 and their caregivers. **Registration required**. Register **here!**

Reminder: Daylight Saving time ends this Sunday at 2 am, so set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday and enjoy the extra hour of sleep! Also, take this opportunity to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors!

Have a great Halloween weekend,

Mayor Brian K. Bernstein

*My Friday emails to the residents are now reaching **1,254 people!** My goal is for every Demarest resident to be up to date on what is going on around town, please help with that goal by forwarding this email to your friends so they can visit **demarestnj.gov** and sign up for my weekly emails! The link can be found about halfway down the homepage.*

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